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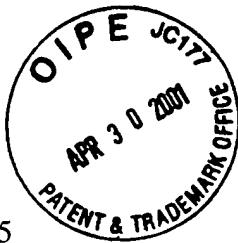
In re application of:

Yongwei CAO *et al.*

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For: *Arabidopsis thaliana Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof*



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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

In the Specification:

Please **delete** the first paragraph (lines 2-11) on page 1 and **replace** it with the following paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/114,151, filed December 29, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety; 60/120,644, filed February 18, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety; 60/135,825, filed May 24, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety; 60/139,932, filed June 21, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety; 60/143,994, filed July 15, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety; and 60/155,422, filed September 23, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its